



Variational Bayesian Approximation methods for inverse problems

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1. General inverse problem

$$g(t) = \mathcal{H}f(t) + \epsilon(t), \quad t \in [1, \dots, T]$$

$$g(\mathbf{r}) = \mathcal{H}f(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon(\mathbf{r}), \quad \mathbf{r} = (x, y) \in R^2$$

- ▶ f unknown quantity (input)
- ▶ \mathcal{H} Forward operator:
(Convolution, Radon, Fourier or any Linear operator)
- ▶ g observed quantity (output)
- ▶ ϵ represents the errors of modeling and measurement

Discretization:

$$g = \mathbf{H}f + \epsilon$$

- ▶ Forward operation $\mathbf{H}f$
- ▶ Adjoint operation $\mathbf{H}'g$: $\langle \mathbf{H}'g, f \rangle = \langle \mathbf{H}f, g \rangle$
- ▶ Inverse operation (if exists) $\mathbf{H}^{-1}g$

2. General Bayesian Inference

- ▶ Bayesian inference:

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2)}{p(\mathbf{g}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}$$

with $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$

- ▶ Point estimators:

Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) or Posterior Mean (PM) $\longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}}$

- ▶ Full Bayesian inference:

- ▶ Simple prior models: $p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- ▶ Prior models with hidden variables: $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3)$

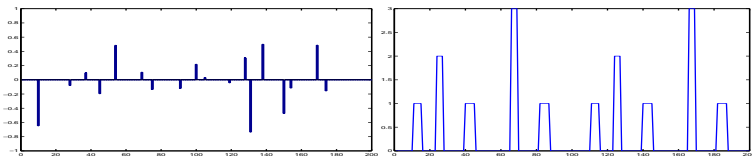
$$q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Two main steps in the Bayesian approach

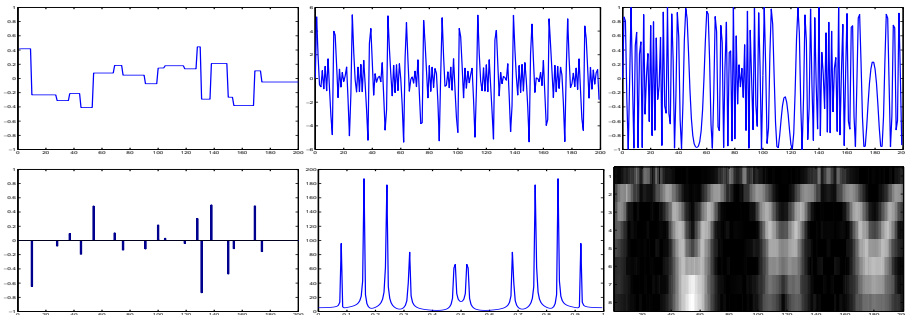
- ▶ Prior modeling
 - ▶ Separable:
Gaussian, Generalized Gaussian, Gamma, mixture of Gaussians, mixture of Gammas, ...
 - ▶ Markovian: Gauss-Markov, GGM, ...
 - ▶ Separable or Markovian with **hidden variables** (contours, region labels)
- ▶ Choice of the estimator and computational aspects
 - ▶ MAP, Posterior mean, Marginal MAP
 - ▶ MAP needs **optimization** algorithms
 - ▶ Posterior mean needs **integration** methods
 - ▶ Marginal MAP and Hyperparameter estimation need **integration and optimization**
 - ▶ Approximations:
 - ▶ Gaussian approximation (Laplace)
 - ▶ Numerical exploration MCMC
 - ▶ Variational Bayes (Separable approximation)

3. Sparsity enforcing prior models

- Sparse signals: Direct sparsity



- Sparse signals: Sparsity in a Transform domaine



3. Sparsity enforcing prior models

- ▶ Simple heavy tailed models:
 - ▶ Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential
 - ▶ Student-t, Cauchy
 - ▶ Elastic net

 - ▶ Symmetric Weibull, Symmetric Rayleigh
 - ▶ Generalized hyperbolic

- ▶ Hierarchical mixture models:
 - ▶ Mixture of Gaussians
 - ▶ Bernoulli-Gaussian

 - ▶ Mixture of Gammas
 - ▶ Bernoulli-Gamma
 - ▶ Mixture of Dirichlet
 - ▶ Bernoulli-Multinomial

Simple heavy tailed models

- Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\gamma, \beta) = \prod_j \mathcal{GG}(f_j|\gamma, \beta) \propto \exp \left\{ -\gamma \sum_j |f_j|^\beta \right\}$$

$\beta = 1$ Double exponential or Laplace.

$0 < \beta \leq 1$ are of great interest for sparsity enforcing.

- Student-t and Cauchy models

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\nu) = \prod_j \mathcal{St}(f_j|\nu) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{\nu+1}{2} \sum_j \log(1 + f_j^2/\nu) \right\}$$

Cauchy model is obtained when $\nu = 1$.

- Elastic net prior model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\nu) = \prod_j \mathcal{EN}(f_j|\nu) \propto \exp \left\{ -\sum_j (\gamma_1 |f_j| + \gamma_2 f_j^2) \right\}$$

Mixture models

- Mixture of two Gaussians (MoG2) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, v_1, v_0) = \prod_j (\lambda \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1) + (1 - \lambda)\mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0))$$

- Bernoulli-Gaussian (BG) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, v) = \prod_j p(f_j) = \prod_j (\lambda \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v) + (1 - \lambda)\delta(f_j))$$

- Mixture of Gammas

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, v_1, v_0) = \prod_j (\lambda \mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha_1, \beta_1) + (1 - \lambda)\mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha_2, \beta_2))$$

- Bernoulli-Gamma model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, \alpha, \beta) = \prod_j [\lambda \mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha, \beta) + (1 - \lambda)\delta(f_j)]$$

MAP, Joint MAP

- ▶ Inverse problems: $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$
- ▶ Posterior law:

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$$

- ▶ Examples:

Gaussian noise, Gaussian prior and MAP:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2$$

Gaussian noise, Double Exponential prior and MAP:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$$

- ▶ Full Bayesian: Joint Posterior:

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- ▶ Joint MAP:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g})\}$$

Marginal MAP and PM estimates

- ▶ Marginal MAP: $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \{p(\theta|g)\}$ where

$$p(\theta|g) = \int p(f, \theta|g) df = \int p(g|f, \theta_1) p(f|\theta_2) df$$

and then $\hat{f} = \arg \max_f \{p(f|\hat{\theta}, g)\}$

- ▶ Posterior Mean: $\hat{f} = \int f p(f|\hat{\theta}, g) df$

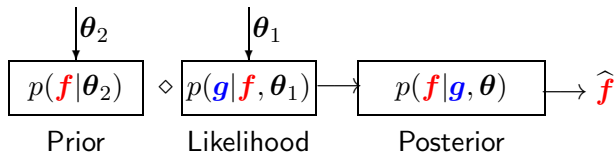
- ▶ EM and GEM Algorithms

- ▶ Variational Bayesian Approximation:

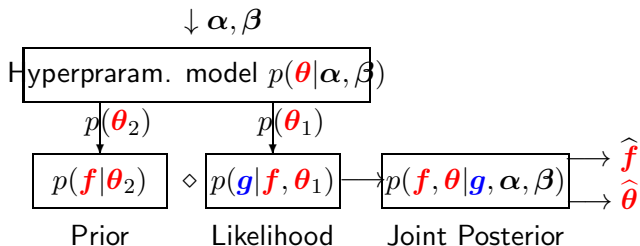
Approximate $p(f, \theta|g)$ by $q(f, \theta|g) = q_1(f|g) q_2(\theta|g)$
and then continue computations.

Summary of Bayesian estimation 1

► Simple Bayesian Model and Estimation

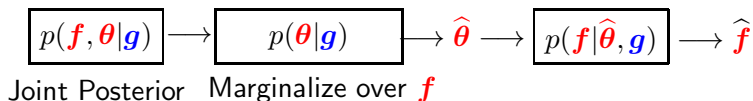


► Full Bayesian Model and Hyperparameter Estimation

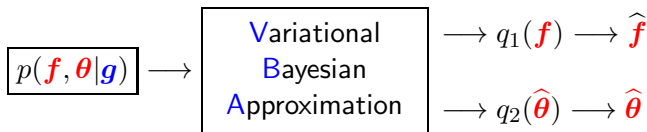


Summary of Bayesian estimation 2

- ▶ Marginalization for Hyperparameter Estimation



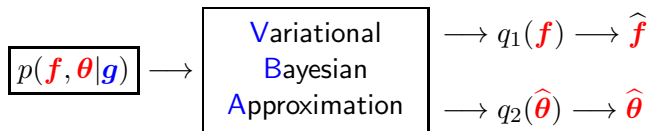
- ▶ Variational Bayesian Approximation



Variational Bayesian Approximation

- ▶ Full Bayesian: $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$
- ▶ Approximate $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ by $q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{g}) q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$ and then continue computations.
- ▶ Criterion $\text{KL}(q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) : p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}))$
- ▶ $\text{KL}(q : p) = \int \int q \ln q/p = \int \int q_1 q_2 \ln \frac{q_1 q_2}{p}$
- ▶ Iterative algorithm $q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_2, \dots$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp \left\{ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \right\} \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \exp \left\{ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f})} \right\} \end{cases}$$



BVA: Choice of the criterion

$$\text{KL}(q : p) = \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M}) &= \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \frac{p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ &\geq \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(q) = \iint q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} d\mathbf{f} d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$p(\mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{F}(q) + \text{KL}(q : p)$$

BVA: Separable Approximation

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{F}(q) + \text{KL}(q : p)$$

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$(\hat{q}_1, \hat{q}_2) = \arg \min_{(q_1, q_2)} \{\text{KL}(q_1 q_2 : p)\} = \arg \max_{(q_1, q_2)} \{\mathcal{F}(q_1 q_2)\}$$

$\text{KL}(q_1 q_2 : p)$ is convex wrt q_1 when q_2 is fixed and vice versa:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1 &= \arg \min_{q_1} \{\text{KL}(q_1 \hat{q}_2 : p)\} = \arg \max_{q_1} \{\mathcal{F}(q_1 \hat{q}_2)\} \\ \hat{q}_2 &= \arg \min_{q_2} \{\text{KL}(\hat{q}_1 q_2 : p)\} = \arg \max_{q_2} \{\mathcal{F}(\hat{q}_1 q_2)\} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) &\propto \exp \left\{ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \right\} \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &\propto \exp \left\{ \langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{\hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f})} \right\} \end{cases}$$

BVA: Choice of family of laws q_1 and q_2

- ▶ Case 1 : \rightarrow Joint MAP

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}|\tilde{\mathbf{f}}) = \delta(\mathbf{f} - \tilde{\mathbf{f}}) \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \right\} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ p(\tilde{\mathbf{f}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

- ▶ Case 2 : \rightarrow EM

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g}) \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \langle \ln p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_1(\mathbf{f}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

- ▶ Appropriate choice for inverse problems

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto p(\mathbf{f}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \\ \hat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Prise en compte des incertitudes} \\ \text{de } \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \text{ pour } \hat{\mathbf{f}} \text{ et vice versa.} \end{array} \right.$$

Hierarchical models and hidden variables

- ▶ All the mixture models and some of simple models can be modeled via **hidden variables** \mathbf{z} .

$$p(f) = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k p_k(f) \longrightarrow \begin{cases} p(f|\mathbf{z} = k) = p_k(f), \\ P(\mathbf{z} = k) = \alpha_k, \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = 1 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Example 1: MoG model: $p_k(f) = \mathcal{N}(f|m_k, v_k)$
2 Gaussians: $p_0 = \mathcal{N}(0, v_0), p_1 = \mathcal{N}(0, v_1), \alpha_0 = \lambda, \alpha_1 = 1 - \lambda$

$$p(f_j|\lambda, v_1, v_0) = \lambda \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1) + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0)$$

$$\begin{cases} p(f_j|\mathbf{z}_j = 0, v_0) = \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0), \\ p(f_j|\mathbf{z}_j = 1, v_1) = \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1), \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} P(\mathbf{z}_j = 0) = \lambda, \\ P(\mathbf{z}_j = 1) = 1 - \lambda \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_j p(f_j|\mathbf{z}_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_{\mathbf{z}_j}) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{f_j^2}{v_{\mathbf{z}_j}}\right\} \\ p(\mathbf{z}) = \lambda^{n_1} (1 - \lambda)^{n_0}, \quad n_0 = \sum_j \delta(\mathbf{z}_j), \quad n_1 = \sum_j \delta(\mathbf{z}_j - 1) \end{cases}$$

Hierarchical models and hidden variables

- ▶ Example 2: Student-t model

$$St(f|\nu) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{\nu+1}{2} \log(1+f^2/\nu) \right\}$$

- ▶ Infinite mixture

$$St(f|\nu) \propto \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(f|, 0, 1/z) \mathcal{G}(z|\alpha, \beta) dz, \quad \text{with } \alpha = \beta = \nu/2$$

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) & = \prod_j p(f_j|z_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, 1/z_j) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j z_j f_j^2 \right\} \\ p(\mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) & = \prod_j \mathcal{G}(z_j|\alpha, \beta) \propto \prod_j z_j^{(\alpha-1)} \exp \{-\beta z_j\} \\ & \propto \exp \left\{ \sum_j (\alpha-1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j \right\} \\ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) & \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j z_j f_j^2 + (\alpha-1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j \right\} \end{cases}$$

Hierarchical models and hidden variables

- ▶ Example 3: Laplace (Double Exponential) model

$$\mathcal{DE}(f|a) = \frac{a}{2} \exp\{-a|f|\} = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(f|0, z) \mathcal{E}(z|a^2/2) \mathbf{d}z, \quad a > 0$$

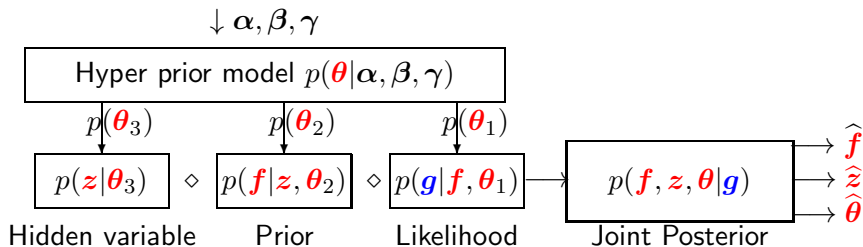
$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) &= \prod_j p(f_j|z_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, z_j) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_j f_j^2/z_j\right\} \\ p(\mathbf{z}|\frac{a^2}{2}) &= \prod_j \mathcal{E}(z_j|\frac{a^2}{2}) \propto \exp\left\{\sum_j \frac{a^2}{2} z_j\right\} \\ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}|\frac{a^2}{2}) &\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_j f_j^2/z_j + \frac{a^2}{2} z_j\right\} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ With these models we have:

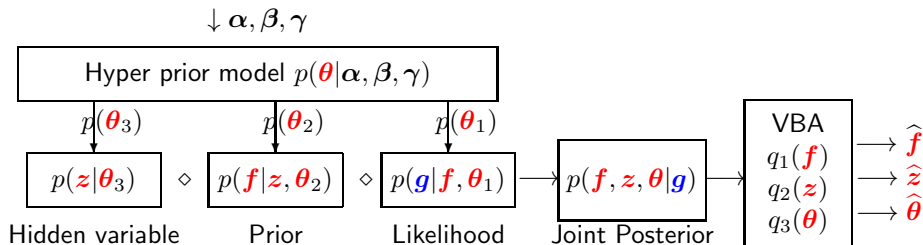
$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Summary of Bayesian estimation 3

- Full Bayesian Hierarchical Model with Hyperparameter Estimation



- Full Bayesian Hierarchical Model and Variational Approximation



Bayesian Computation and Algorithms

- ▶ Often, the expression of $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g})$ is complex.
- ▶ Its optimization (for Joint MAP) or its marginalization or integration (for Marginal MAP or PM) is not easy
- ▶ Two main techniques:
MCMC and Variational Bayesian Approximation (VBA)
- ▶ MCMC:
Needs the expressions of the conditionals $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g})$, $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g})$, and $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{g})$
- ▶ VBA: Approximate $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g})$ by a separable one

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

and do any computations with these separable ones.

Bayesian Variational Approximation

- ▶ Objective: Approximate $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g})$ by a separable one $q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

- ▶ Criterion:

$$\text{KL}(q : p) = \int q \ln \frac{q}{p} = \left\langle \ln \frac{q}{p} \right\rangle_q$$

- ▶ Free energy: $\text{KL}(q : p) = \ln p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) - \mathcal{F}(q)$ where:

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) = \int \int \int p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) d\mathbf{f} d\mathbf{z} d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

with $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) = p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ and $\mathcal{F}(q)$ is the free energy associated to q defined as

$$\mathcal{F}(q) = \left\langle \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M})}{q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \right\rangle_q$$

- ▶ For a given model \mathcal{M} , minimizing $\text{KL}(q : p)$ is equivalent to maximizing $\mathcal{F}(q)$ and when optimized, $\mathcal{F}(q^*)$ gives a lower bound for $\ln p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M})$.

BVA with Scale Mixture Model of Student-t priors

Scale Mixture Model of Student-t:

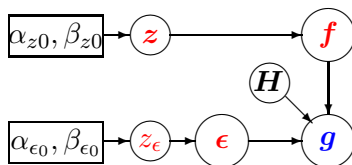
$$St(\mathbf{f}_j|\nu) = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}_j|0, 1/z_j) \mathcal{G}(z_j|\nu/2, \nu/2) dz_j$$

Hidden variables z_j :

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_j p(\mathbf{f}_j|z_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}_j|0, 1/z_j) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_j z_j \mathbf{f}_j^2\right\}$$
$$p(z_j|\alpha, \beta) = \mathcal{G}(z_j|\alpha, \beta) \propto z_j^{(\alpha-1)} \exp\{-\beta z_j\} \text{ with } \alpha = \beta = \nu/2$$

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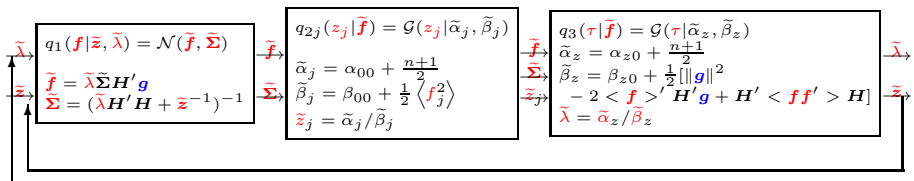
► Graphical model:



12. BVA with Student-t priors Algorithm

$$\begin{cases}
 p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, z_\epsilon) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, (1/z_\epsilon)\mathbf{I}) \\
 p(z_\epsilon|\alpha_{z0}, \beta_{z0}) = \mathcal{G}(z_\epsilon|\alpha_{z0}, \beta_{z0}) \\
 p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, 1/z_j) \\
 p(\mathbf{z}|\alpha_0, \beta_0) = \prod_j \mathcal{G}(z_j|\alpha_0, \beta_0)
 \end{cases}
 \begin{cases}
 q_{2j}(z_j) = \mathcal{G}(z_j|\tilde{\alpha}_j, \tilde{\beta}_j) \\
 \tilde{\alpha}_j = \alpha_{00} + 1/2 \\
 \tilde{\beta}_j = \beta_{00} + \langle f_j^2 \rangle / 2
 \end{cases}
 \begin{cases}
 \langle \mathbf{f} \rangle = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \\
 \langle \mathbf{f}\mathbf{f}' \rangle = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}' \\
 \langle f_j^2 \rangle = [\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}]_{jj} + \tilde{\mu}_j^2 \\
 \tilde{\lambda} = \tilde{\alpha}_z / \tilde{\beta}_z \\
 \tilde{z}_j = \tilde{\alpha}_j / \tilde{\beta}_j
 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases}
 q_1(\mathbf{f}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}) \\
 \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \langle \lambda \rangle \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{g} \\
 \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = (\langle \lambda \rangle \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{H} + \tilde{\mathbf{Z}})^{-1}, \\
 \text{with } \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^{-1} = \text{diag}[\tilde{\mathbf{z}}]
 \end{cases}
 \begin{cases}
 q_3(z_\epsilon) = \mathcal{G}(z_\epsilon|\tilde{\alpha}_{z\epsilon}, \tilde{\beta}_{z\epsilon}), \\
 \tilde{\alpha}_{z\epsilon} = \alpha_{z0} + (n+1)/2 \\
 \tilde{\beta}_{z\epsilon} = \beta_{z0} + 1/2[\|\mathbf{g}\|^2 \\
 - 2 \langle \mathbf{f}' \rangle' \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{H}' \langle \mathbf{f}\mathbf{f}' \rangle \mathbf{H}]
 \end{cases}$$



13. Implementation issues

- ▶ In inverse problems, often we do not have access directly to the matrix \mathbf{H} . But, we can compute:
 - ▶ Forward operator : $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} \rightarrow \mathbf{g}$ $\mathbf{g}=\text{direct}(\mathbf{f}, \dots)$
 - ▶ Adjoint operator : $\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{g} \rightarrow \mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}=\text{transp}(\mathbf{g}, \dots)$
- ▶ For any particular application, we can always write two programs (`direct` & `transp`) corresponding to the application of these two operators.
- ▶ To compute $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$, we use a gradient based optimization algorithm which will use these operators.
- ▶ We may also need to compute the diagonal elements of $[\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{H}]$. We also developed algorithms which computes these diagonal elements with the same programs (`direct` & `transp`)

14. Conclusions and Perspectives

- ▶ We proposed a list of **different probabilistic prior models** which can be used for **sparsity enforcing**.
- ▶ We classified these models in two categories: **simple heavy tails** and **hierarchical mixture models**
- ▶ We showed **how to use these models for inverse problems where the desired solutions are sparse**
- ▶ Different algorithms have been developed and their relative performances are compared.
- ▶ We use these models for inverse problems in different signal and image processing applications such as:
 - ▶ **Period estimation in biological time series**
 - ▶ **X ray Computed Tomography,**
 - ▶ **Signal deconvolution in Proteomic and molecular imaging**

 - ▶ **Diffraction Optical Tomography**
 - ▶ **Microwave Imaging, Acoustic imaging and sources localization**
 - ▶ **Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Imaging**

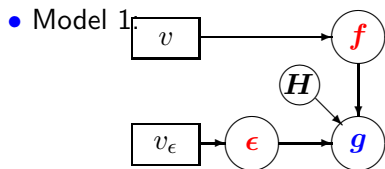
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Separable models

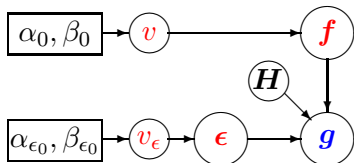


$$p(f_j|v) = \mathcal{N}(0, v)$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}|v) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{f_j^2}{v} \right\}$$

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, v_\epsilon) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, v_\epsilon \mathbf{I})$$

- Model 2:



$$p(f_j|v) = \mathcal{N}(0, v)$$

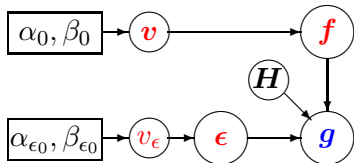
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$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, v_\epsilon) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, v_\epsilon \mathbf{I})$$

$$p(v_\epsilon|\alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0}) = \mathcal{G}(\alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0})$$

$$p(v|\alpha_0, \beta_0) = \mathcal{G}(\alpha_0, \beta_0)$$

- Model 3:



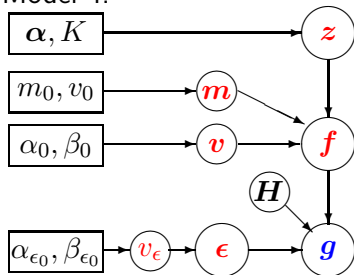
$$p(f_j|v_j) = \mathcal{N}(0, v_j)$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{v}) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{f_j^2}{v_j} \right\}$$

$$p(v_j|\alpha_0, \beta_0) = \mathcal{G}(\alpha_0, \beta_0)$$

Separable models

- Model 4:



$$p(z_j = k | \alpha_k) = \alpha_k, \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = 1$$

$$p(f_j | z_j = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{jk}, v_{jk})$$

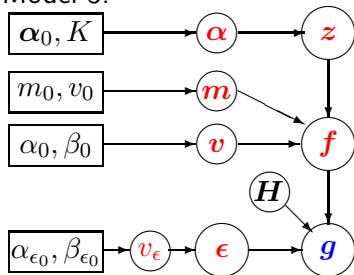
$$p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{v}) = \sum_j \mathcal{N}(m_{z_j}, v_{z_j})$$

$$p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, v_\epsilon) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, v_\epsilon \mathbf{I})$$

$$p(v_\epsilon | \alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0}) = \mathcal{IG}(\alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0})$$

Separable models

- Model 5:



$$p(z_j = k | \alpha_k) = \alpha_k, \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = 1$$

$$p(f_j | z_j = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{jk}, v_{jk})$$

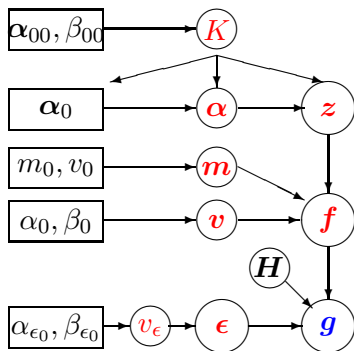
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$$p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_\epsilon) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_\epsilon \mathbf{I})$$

$$p(\mathbf{v}_\epsilon | \alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0}) = \mathcal{IG}(\alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0})$$

Separable models

- Model 6:



$$p(z_j = k | \alpha_k) = \alpha_k, \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = 1$$

$$p(f_j | z_j = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{jk}, v_{jk})$$

$$p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{v}) = \sum_j \mathcal{N}(m_{z_j}, v_{z_j})$$

$$p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_\epsilon) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_\epsilon \mathbf{I})$$

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